



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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**DATE:** MAY 16, 2018

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-AR-2016-CAC-0035

**CROSS REFERENCE #:**

**TITLE:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GS-13, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Washington, DC	REMOVED FROM FEDERAL SERVICE

**VIOLATION(S):**

US EPA Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics, and Training Conduct Policy,  
OCEFT-P-003

**XI. INTEGRITY-RELATED MISCONDUCT**

- (d) Employees shall not engage, on or off duty, in criminal, infamous, violent, dishonest or notoriously disgraceful conduct, or any other conduct prejudicial to the government or that will adversely impact the reputation of OCEFT.
- (ii) Employees will not make false, misleading, incomplete, or ambiguous statements, whether oral or written, in connection with any matter of official interest. Matters of official interest include but are not limited to: transactions with the public, employees of other government agencies or fellow employees, application forms and other forms that serve as a basis for appointment, reassignment, promotion or other personnel actions, vouchers, leave records and time and attendance records, work reports of any nature or accounts of any kind, affidavits or statements in a disciplinary matter or an internal or other official investigation, or entry or record of any matter relating to or connected with an employee's duties.
- (iii) When directed by competent authority, employees must truthfully and fully testify, provide information or respond to questions (under oath when required) concerning matters of official interest.

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- (iv) Lack of candor by any OCEFT employees in any matter of official interest is very serious and undermines the public trust, in fact any Special Agent found to have engaged in a lack of candor regarding a matter of official interest may be removed from the Federal service.

#### **EPA's Appendix-Guidance on Corrective Discipline, EPA ORDER 3120.1**

16. Deliberate misrepresentation, falsification, concealment or withholding of a material fact, or refusal to testify or cooperate in an official proceeding.

#### **ALLEGATIONS:**

1. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made misleading and incomplete statements in connection with a matter of official interest - **SUPPORTED**

#### **FINDINGS:**

On November 21, 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Hotline received an electronic message and voicemail, Hotline Complaint # 2015-039, from unknown sources who made an allegation of professional misconduct by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

The allegation of misconduct occurred while (b) (6), was serving as the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On July 29, 2013, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) were observed passionately kissing and engaged in intimate, physical contact at a nightclub in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) by two other EPA employees.

This investigation revealed (b) (6), and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) exchanged a series of sexually and romantically suggestive text messages with each other.

After being confronted with the text messages, (b) (6), stated that (b) (6), and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had developed romantic feelings for each other. (b) (6), further admitted that the text messages were (b) (7)(C) inappropriate.

During two interviews regarding the allegations, (b) (6), made misleading and incomplete statements to OIG agents.

**DISPOSITION:** Supported, Removed from Federal Service

The allegation that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made misleading and incomplete statements in connection with a matter of official interest was supported. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed on two occasions by OIG special agents.

During the first interview, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) concealed and misled the investigators as to the true nature of (b) (6) relationship with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), who at the time was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

This investigation substantiated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not forthright with investigators about the true nature of (b) (6) relationship with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided conflicting, misleading, and incomplete statements with respect to (b) (6) relationship with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), and only admitted to the relationship after confronted with evidence indicating an on-going romantic relationship at that time.

On (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was removed from Federal Service for Lack of Candor.

As a result, this investigation is considered closed.



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**DATE:** OCTOBER 24, 2018

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-BO-2015-ADM-0058

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GS-13, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	N/A

**POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS:**

EPA Order 3120.1 (7) - Conduct which is generally criminal, infamous, dishonest, immoral or notoriously disgraceful

EPA Order 3120.1(8) - Abusive or offensive language, gestures, or other conduct

**ALLEGATION:**

The Boston Field Office, Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Boston, MA, initiated an investigation based upon an email informing OI that an EPA employee at the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had found photos of topless women printed to an EPA owned printer.

Review by the Agency indicated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

was the source of the material.

**FINDINGS:**

OI developed sufficient information to support the allegation (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had received, viewed and disseminated inappropriate materials to include adult pornography to other EPA employees and individuals outside of the agency while utilizing (b) (6) EPA-owned email account.

**DISPOSITION:**

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A Report of Investigation (ROI) was generated and provided to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) -  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Upon their review of the  
ROI, EPA management decided to suspend (b) (6), (b) (7) for fourteen (14) days for Misuse of  
Government Equipment and Lack of Candor.

This matter was subsequently settled through arbitration and (b) (6), grievance was allowed.  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5), (b) (2)

(b) (7)

[REDACTED]

No criminal violation(s) were identified, hence this case was not presented to the U.S. Attorney's  
Office, District of Rhode Island for prosecutorial consideration. This matter will be closed at this  
time.





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Date: September 18, 2018

Prepared by: Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Case #: OI-CH-2017-ADM-0074

Cross Reference #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	

**VIOLATION(s):** Misuse of EPA computers to view and share pornography

**ALLEGATION(s):**

On March 3, 2017, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Office of Inspector General (OIG), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a complaint from an employee at the EPA office in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Region 5, EPA was viewing adult pornography at the office during work hours and showing it to other employees at the office.

**FINDINGS:**

On March 14, 2017, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) conducted an interview of the complainant. The complainant delineated several incidences of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) showing pornographic images around the office.

On March 15, 2017, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Region 5, EPA. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) explained (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was very familiar with the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). With the assistance of OI, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) began monitoring the account. On April 5, 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) explained that there is a separate EPA funded Comcast modem in the office. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) felt that that modem should also be monitored. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) began monitoring on that modem, also. On May 4, 2017, OI reviewed all available network activity and was not able to identify any suspicious network activity including pornography.

On May 3, 2017 SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) conducted an interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Region 5, EPA. Upon the initial line of questioning involving (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was reluctant to give any information about the incident and denied (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ever showed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pornographic material at work. After SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided more

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details and specifics involving the allegation, specifically stating that (b) (6), was involved, (b) (6) provided more details. (b) (6) stated that on several occasions (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has shown (b) (6) pictures of women that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and from a local bar where waitresses wear bikinis while they work. (b) (6) was then asked more specifically had (b) (6), showed (b) (6) pictures from a "wet T-shirt contest" where women were nude. (b) (6) answered "Yes", it was from a party that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had arranged. (b) (6) was then asked if (b) (6), showed (b) (6) pictures in which (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was having sex with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) replied "Yes". In further questioning, (b) (6), expressed (b) (6) fear of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

Continuing on May 3, 2017, SA (b) (6), spoke to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). When asked, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) described the following incident: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had been walking by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) office when (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pulled (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) into (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) office and said, "check this out." (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) then showed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pictures of a party that had occurred at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The pictures included pictures of a "wet t-shirt contest." (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) confirmed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could see the women's breast and nipples in the pictures. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated there were a total of about thirty – forty pictures shown to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and "a handful" had clearly visible breasts and nipples of women. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was shown the pictures on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) personal tablet. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that it did not appear that the tablet had a cellular card, so (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) felt the tablet must have been connected to the EPA funded wireless network.

Also on May 3, 2017, SA (b) (6), interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) related approximately one year ago, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) informed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) showed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) a video of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) having sex with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was unaware if the video was shown in the office or outside of work and denied ever viewing the video. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) denied being shown any type of pornography from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) socializes with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) outside the office and the two of them have been known to frequent a "bikini bar" in the area. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) heard from various co-workers that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) recently posted a picture of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with a female who was wearing a bikini at the bar on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Facebook account. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) denied viewing the picture of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or of owning a Facebook account; however, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised the referenced picture was common knowledge in the office. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was unsure if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) attended the bikini bar during normal business hours.

Continuing on May 3, 2017, SA (b) (6), met with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). SA (b) (6), asked (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) about the allegation that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) showed around pictures at work of women in a "wet t-shirt contest." (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sometimes goes out to lunch at a "bikini bar", especially with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated the bar is part of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). One time, the bar had a "wet t-shirt contest" after hours. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) showed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pictures of the "wet t-shirt contest." SA (b) (6), asked (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) if the women's breasts and nipples were visible in the pictures. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) laughed at the question and said, "Yes or what's the point?" When asked, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated there were approximately six women in the contest, so (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) felt (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had about six pictures.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also showed the "wet t-shirt contest" pictures in the office to another employee, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sent the pictures from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) personal e-mail account to other employees' personal e-mails accounts. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would access the pictures on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) personal device. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would sometimes access (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) personal e-mail account on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) work computer, but felt certain (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) never accessed the "wet t-shirt contest" pictures on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) work computer. When asked, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could not be sure if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had shown the pictures to anyone else in the office.

SA (b) (6), asked, "Other than (b) (6), is there anyone else you showed pornography to?" (b) (6), stated (b) (6) did not show pornography to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6) did show (b) (6) pictures of girls in bikinis from the bikini bar, but not pornography. When SA (b) (6), asked about the "wet t-shirt contest" pictures, (b) (6), stated (b) (6) did not consider those pictures pornography. (b) (6), then added (b) (6) did show (b) (6) a video about "boobies." (b) (6), explained the video is topless women jumping on a trampoline. (b) (6), stated (b) (6) also did not feel that was pornography.

Next, (b) (6), was asked about the allegation that (b) (6), showed pictures in the office of (b) (6), having sex with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7) denied the allegation. (b) (6), stated (b) (6) did not have pictures like that on (b) (6) phone. SA (b) (6), asked (b) (6), if (b) (6) would ever hurt (b) (6), or anyone else. (b) (6), stated (b) (6) would not hurt anyone. (b) (6), stated (b) (6) would just quit before it came to that. (b) (6), then added that (b) (6) cannot quit because (b) (6), is over educated and paid well.

On May 4, 2017, SA (b) (6), asked some follow up questions to the interview on May 3, 2017. SA (b) (6), asked how the images from the "wet t-shirt contest" and other images were viewed at the office. (b) (6), stated the images were viewed on (b) (6) personal tablet or phone. (b) (6), stated (b) (6) viewed "you tube" videos on (b) (6) work computer and showed them to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The "you tube" videos have scantily clad women or women who look nude but do not show any private areas. (b) (6), was asked how (b) (6) connected to the internet on (b) (6) personal devices. (b) (6), stated (b) (6) connected on (b) (6) mobile phone through (b) (6) carrier, Verizon. (b) (6), also stated that (b) (6) phone may connect to whatever internet access is available including the EPA funded wireless networks. (b) (6), also stated (b) (6) tablet had no data plan of its own and could only connect to the internet through a wireless network, such as the EPA funded wireless networks at the EPA facility.

On May 6, 2017, (b) (6), sent an unsolicited email to SA (b) (6), regarding the interview. The e-mail is four pages long. These are some excerpts of the e-mail:

(b) (6), wrote the following, in part, regarding (b) (6), "There are times when I have been discussing building renovations at the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with (b) (6) and try to show (b) (6) pictures posted to Facebook (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) page on my personal phone. There are certain individuals (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who post pictures of scantily clad (even naked) women on the private (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) page. I could see how (b) (6) may have seen some of those picture while I was trying to scroll through my phone quickly to show (b) (6) images posted of the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) renovations."

Additionally, (b) (6), stated the following regarding the "wet t-shirt contest" and (b) (6); "the members held a wet T-shirt contest. (b) (6) was not in attendance, but I did show (b) (6) pictures of the contest on my personal phone in the parking lot of the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) facility."

(b) (6), further discusses a time when (b) (6) showed images to (b) (6), (b) (7) and (b) (6), (b) (7) states, "the only image/video that has ever been shared with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) listed above (which happen all at once) is a You tube video title "Ode to Boobies" which you can look up yourself. And once again, this was on a personal tablet."

**DISPOSITION:** EPA management was advised regarding the findings of this report. On April 23, 2018, (b) (6), was notified by EPA management of the decision that (b) (6) would serve a 14 day suspension beginning on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2018. No further action is expected in this case; therefore, this case is closed.





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**CASE #:** OI-DA-2018-THT-0103

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** 2018-0284

**TITLE:** OCCUPY WALL STREET, ET AL

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):** Interviewee

**PREPARED BY:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY  
FINAL SUMMARY REPORT**

**NARRATIVE:**

On June 6, 2018, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), Dallas, Texas, received an email regarding a Twitter tweet threatening Scott Pruitt, EPA Administrator. The tweet originated from “@ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on or about 10:27AM, June 4, 2018. There appeared to be 13 “retweets” and 10 “likes.” The contents of the tweet are as follows: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) The potential violation is, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C 875 (Interstate Communication). This was a joint investigation with the FBI in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

On June 6, 2018, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OI, briefed Assistant United States Attorney/Criminal Chief, (AUSA) Allen Litchfield, Department of Justice, Northern District of Oklahoma, regarding the facts of this investigation. AUSA Litchfield said (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

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**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):**  
Interviewee

**DRAFTED DATE:**  
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**AGENT(S):**  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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On June 11, 2018, FBI Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) informed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that a (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

Thus, no federal violations were committed.

On or about June 22, 2018, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) spoke to AUSA Shannon Cozzoni, who suggested if a subject/target is identified, she will proceed. However, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) determined, after speaking to SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA OIG, OI, OPR, that the (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

. This investigation is closed.

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**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):**  
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DENVER, CO 80202

CASE #: OI-DE-2018-ADM-0063

CROSS REFERENCE #: Hotline 2018-0164

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), GS-12, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): Interviewee

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY  
FINAL SUMMARY REPORT

VIOLATION(S):

5 C.F.R. § 2635.704(a): Duty to protect government property

5 C.F.R. § 2635.705(a): Use of official time.

EPA Order R8 CIO 2101.0: Policy on Limited Personal Use of Government Equipment

**ALLEGATION:** On March 7, 2018, this office initiated an investigation based on information received from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) allegedly using (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regular EPA work hours – and potentially EPA equipment - to conduct personal business associated with (b) (6) personal businesses. An allegation surfaced regarding (b) (6) having at least one, if not multiple businesses on the side and appeared to be conducting personal business during (b) (6) EPA hours.

**FINDINGS:** Interviews of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and EPA employees as well as reviews of EPA and public business records were conducted. The investigation supported the allegation that (b) (6) conducted personal business during regular EPA hours and promoting (b) (6) business to EPA coworkers and employees.

**DISPOSITION:** On November 8, 2018, this investigation was briefed to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Martha Paluch, Economic Crimes Chief, United States Attorney's Office, District of Colorado, Denver, Colorado, for potential criminal prosecution. AUSA Paluch declined prosecution (b) (5), (b) (7)(E).

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March 12, 2019

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):  
Interviewee

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AGENT(S):  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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On January 28, 2019, upon returning from furlough, (b) (6) resigned (b) (6) position with the federal government, effective immediately, stating (b) (6) decided to pursue work in the private sector.

All criminal and administrative actions that can be addressed have been completed, and no further investigative activity is warranted. This case is closed.

**CASE:**  
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March 12, 2019

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):**  
Interviewee

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**AGENT(S):**  
(b) (6), (b) (7)

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1595 WYNKOOP STREET  
DENVER, CO 80202

CASE #: OI-DE-2018-ADM-0016

CROSS REFERENCE #: OI-DE-2018-ADM-0063

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), GS-12, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): Interviewee

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY  
FINAL SUMMARY REPORT

VIOLATION(S):

5 C.F.R. § 2635.704(a): Duty to protect government property

5 C.F.R. § 2635.705(a): Use of official time.

EPA Order R8 CIO 2101.0: Policy on Limited Personal Use of Government Equipment

ALLEGATION: On October 30, 2018, this office initiated an investigation based on information discovered by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) while reviewing the hard drive of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in case number OI-DE-2018-ADM-0063. It was found that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) maintained at least one pornographic video file, in addition to multiple inappropriate videos, images, and emails.

FINDINGS: Interviews of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and reviews of EPA and public business records were conducted. The investigation supported the allegation that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) maintained a pornographic image on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) computer which was cached during EPA work hours through personal social media unrelated to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA work, in addition to numerous inappropriate images and videos through the same means. Additionally, the investigation identified racial remarks about an EPA employee, made by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to another employee via EPA email, as well as inappropriate comments between (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and EPA employees or contractors via (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA email and Skype for Business.

DISPOSITION: On November 8, 2018, this investigation was briefed to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Martha Paluch, Economic Crimes Chief, United States Attorney's

CASE:  
OI-DE-2018-ADM-0016

DATE OF ACTIVITY:  
March 12, 2019

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):  
Interviewee

DRAFTED DATE:  
March 12, 2019

AGENT(S):  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Office, District of Colorado, Denver, Colorado, for potential criminal prosecution. AUSA Paluch declined prosecution based (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

On January 28, 2019, upon returning from furlough, (b) (6) resigned (b) (6) position with the federal government, effective immediately, stating (b) (6) decided to pursue work (b) (6) in the private sector.

All criminal and administrative actions that can be addressed have been completed, and no further investigative activity is warranted. This case is closed.

**CASE:**  
OI-DE-2018-ADM-0016

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:**  
March 12, 2019

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):**  
Interviewee

**DRAFTED DATE:**  
March 12, 2019

**AGENT(S):**  
(b) (6), (b) (7)

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DATE: October 19, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-ADM-0144

CROSS REFERENCE

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GS-13, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Washington, DC	

POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C § 1001 – Statements or entries generally  
18 U.S.C § 1017 – Government seals wrongfully used

ALLEGATION: On August 30, 2017, the Washington Field Office (WFO), Office of Investigation (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), initiated an investigation concerning an allegation of records falsification by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). According to the information reported to the EPA Hotline, on several occasions, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) forged a nurse's signature on documents (b) (6) provided to the EPA to justify (b) (6) continuous absences from work.

FINDINGS: Investigative activity on this case revealed that on two separate occasions, it appears (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did use a Department of Veterans Affairs letterhead to forge the signature of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Washington, D.C.

On (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), 2018, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was removed from federal service for "Absence Without Leave (AWOL) and Failure to Follow Leave Requesting Procedures." (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) removal from federal service was not a direct result of captioned investigation.

DISPOSITION: No further investigative action is warranted. This investigation is hereby closed.

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**DATE:** AUGUST 10, 2018

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2017-CAC-0078

**CROSS REFERENCE #:**

**TITLE:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) : TWITTER USER TWEETS A THREAT TO THE EPA ADMINISTRATOR

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Possibly India (South Asia)	Twitter

**VIOLATION:** 18 U.S.C. 875- Interstate Communications

**ALLEGATION:**

On March 14, 2017, the Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations (OI), was notified of a threatening Twitter tweet @ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated @EPAScottPruitt: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**SUMMARY:**

Based on the above threat, an OIG Special Agent made an Emergency Disclosure request to Twitter Inc. In response to the OIG Special Agents request, Twitter provided Internet Protocol Addresses (IP) which were traced to Tata Communications in New Delhi, India. Additional investigative steps revealed the following: 1). a person using the name of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sent the threatening tweet to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (former Administrator) and 2). (b) (6) was a former college student at the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

**DISPOSITION:**

The allegation is "Supported". (b) (6) resides outside of the United States and this case was not prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office.

Based on the location of (b) (6), (b) (7) the recommendation is for the case to be closed pending new leads and/or developments.



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**DATE:** OCTOBER 22, 2018

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**COMPLAINT#:** OI-HQ-2017-THT-0140 **CROSS REFERENCE #:**

**TITLE:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), GS-14, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Washington D.C.	

**VIOLATIONS:**

1. DC Code § 22-3133: Stalking
2. DC Code § 22-407: Threats to do bodily harm
3. EPA ORDER 3120.1 – Appendix-Guidance on Corrective Discipline, Table of Offense and Penalties: (8). Abusive or offensive language, gestures, or other conduct.
4. EPA ORDER 3120.1 – Appendix-Guidance on Corrective Discipline, Table of Offense and Penalties: (11). Using Government property or Government employees in duty status for other than official purposes.

**ALLEGATION:**

On August 7, 2017, the Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received information that on August 5, 2017, a EPA Employee received an envelope at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) personal residence from another EPA employee via the United States Postal Service, which contained perceived threatening images.

**FINDINGS:**

On August 9, 2017, the (b) (7)(E) August 1, 2017 at approximately 1:40 pm, was mailed out of the Ben Franklin Post Office, located inside the William Jefferson Clinton EPA North Building. (b) (7)(E) photos show a person who was later identified as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at the post office counter with the envelope that (b) (6) mailed to the personal residence of another EPA employee.

On August 10, 2017, OIG special agents (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who

admitted to marking-up the pictures and mailing them to the personal residence of another EPA Employee.

## **DISPOSITION:**

On October 17, 2017, OIG special agents delivered a Report of Investigation to the (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA for any administrative remedies or actions as deemed appropriate.

On October 2, 2018, OIG special agents received a settlement agreement between (b) (6), and the Agency that indicated (b) (6), (b) (7) agreed to a 90-calendar day suspension.

Based upon the fore-mentioned information, the allegation that (b) (6), (b) (7) mailed the envelope containing the perceived threatening images to the personal residence of another EPA Employee is "SUPPORTED". As such, there are no further investigative steps to be taken and this complaint is recommended for closure.



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**DATE:** OCTOBER 31, 2018

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**COMPLAINT#:** OI-HQ-2018-THT-0033 **CROSS REFERENCE #:**

**TITLE:** UNKNOWN SUBJECT: THREATENING EMAIL SENT TO ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown	Unknown	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @yahoo.com

**ALLEGATION:**

On October 24, 2017, the Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a hotline complaint alleging that an unknown individual using a yahoo email address of "(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @yahoo.com" emailed a concerning message to the EPA Administrator's official government email address.

**SUMMARY:**

On December 11, 2017, per a request from the OIG, (b) (7)(E) reported no record on file for the email address of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @yahoo.com.

On December 19, 2017, per a request from the OIG, (b) (7)(E) In response to the subpoena, Oath Holdings informed OIG agents that the user account (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @yahoo.com is not a valid Yahoo email address or Yahoo identification at this time.

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Office of Counsel (OC), OIG, EPA, provided a legal analysis which stated the (b) (5) ."

**DISPOSITION:** Based upon the totality of the circumstances, the foregoing allegation is inconclusive. There are no further investigative steps to be taken and this case is recommended for closure. If additional facts become available, the OIG will review and take appropriate investigatory action.





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DATE: November 8, 2018

PREPARED BY: Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2018-THT-0075

CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C): Threatening Voicemail Message on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Personal Cell Phone

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Maryville, MO	

ALLEGATION:

An individual, identified as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) left a threatening voice mail on the personal cell phone of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of Scott Pruitt, Former Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) message was captured on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) voicemail.

SUMMARY:

On March 30, 2018, Office of Inspector General (OIG) special agents received information that the telephone number of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was associated with the person who left the threatening voicemail on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) voicemail. This phone number was associated with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who resided at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

On April 19, 2018, OIG special agents from the Chicago Field Office, travelled to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), and interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) contacted Mr. Pruitt a little while back and left him a voicemail and that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was just mad at the damage Pruitt was doing to the environment, but (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would never hurt Pruitt.

DISPOSITION:

The threat allegation is "Supported". However, the Assistant United States Attorney, National Security Division, United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, declined prosecution. Based upon the fore-mentioned information, there are no further investigative steps to be taken and this case is recommended for closure.

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DATE: December 10, 2018

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2018-THT-0121

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: EMAIL COMMUNICATION OF UNUSUAL DIRECTION TO ADMINISTRATOR  
WHEELER, FROM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PRIVATE CITIZEN

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	WASHINGTON, DC	

**VIOLATION(S):** 18 U.S. Code § 875 – Interstate Communications

**ALLEGATION:** On July 18, 2018, Andrew Wheeler (Wheeler), Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a message of unusual direction from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The name (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was identified by the email system and the email address that the sender utilized was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The message contained in the email stated: *“Your job is to protect the environment and make sure our air and water quality are not polluted by industry. What the fuck are you doing you trump ass kisser. Your going to get thrown out too you piece of shit. If my kids or grand kids were to become sick from your actions we will come and find you!”*

**FINDINGS:** The communication was forwarded to the Office of Counsel (OC) (b) (5). Additionally, Art Elkins (Elkins), Inspector General, EPA, gave further direction that “under no circumstances” is the Office of Investigations (OI) to contact (b) (6), (b) (7).

**DISPOSITION:** Due to the guidance from OC and Elkins, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OI, Office of Inspector General (OIG), EPA, recommended that the case be closed. Acting/Assistant Inspector General of Investigations (A/AIGI) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OI, OIG, EPA, concurred with the recommendation and the case is closed with no further action being taken by OI. If new information becomes available, OI retains the right to reopen the investigation.

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**DATE:** DECEMBER 28, 2018

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2019-ADM-0024

**CROSS REFERENCE #:**

**TITLE:** UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ACTING EPA ADMINISTRATOR IMPERSONATOR

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
UNKNOWN SUBJECT	UNKNOWN LOCATION	

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 16, 2018, the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received EPA Office of Inspector General Hotline Complaint 2019-0045 from an individual named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (email address: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of Burbank, California who alleged an unidentified individual(s) may have impersonated Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sent two emails on October 7, 2018 to Acting Administrator Wheeler's epa.gov email account ([wheeler.andrew@epa.gov](mailto:wheeler.andrew@epa.gov)), containing email communications (b) (6) had with an unidentified individual who referenced himself as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) using email address: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @gmail.com.

The OPR opened a case to attempt make contact with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and identify the unidentified individual who may have impersonated Acting EPA Administrator Wheeler, which may be a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 912 – False Personation Officer or employee of the United States.

**FINDINGS:**

On November 26, 2018 and December 10, 2018, the case agent attempted to contact (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) via email address (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Other open source inquiries were conducted to attempt to identify contact information for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), with negative results. To date, no contact has been made with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). In addition, the case agent conducted open source inquiries of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @gmail.com, with negative results.

Without definitive evidence of the unknown individual's alleged impersonation of Acting EPA Administrator Wheeler, no additional investigative actions will be taken at this time.

**DISPOSITION:**

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Based upon the foregoing, there are no further investigative steps to be taken and this case is recommended for closure. Should additional information be provided at a later date, the OPR will reassess the case and take action as necessary.





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**DATE:** October 15, 2018

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-SA-2018-THT-0110

**CROSS REFERENCE #:**

**TITLE:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ANTIOCH, CA: THREATENING EMAILS TO EPA  
ADMINISTRATOR

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Antioch, CA	

**VIOLATIONS:**

18 USC § 875(c): Interstate Communications

**ALLEGATION:** On June 12, 2018, an investigation was initiated based on the determination that threatening emails submitted by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Antioch, CA, were of a nature requiring further investigative action. The emails received by the EPA reference people on their way to bring harm to Scott Pruitt, (now former) Administrator, EPA, and his family.

**FINDINGS:** The EPA-OIG Office of Counsel determined (b) (5) [REDACTED]. The information in the emails and a background of (b) (6) [REDACTED] was presented to the US Attorney's Office (USAO) for the Northern District of California, San Francisco, California, who (b) (5) [REDACTED] the statements were not protected speech, and but could be construed as possible threats. (b) (6) [REDACTED] was interviewed and admitted to being a recovering drug addict, and dealing with mental health problems, to include suicidal tendencies. (b) (6) [REDACTED] admitted to having sent the threatening emails, but denied having knowledge of who was referenced as being en route to harm Pruitt and his family.

**DISPOSITION:** The findings were provided to the USAO for prosecution consideration. The case was declined (b) (5), (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED] EPA Region 9 issued a bar notice for (b) (6) [REDACTED]. No further investigative activity is warranted. This case is closed.

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